

**Goshen Agriculture Council - Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 9, 2015**  
**Held at the Goshen Town Hall Conference Room**  
**7:30 PM**

1) Call to Order – 7:33 PM

In attendance: Clint Thorn, Seth Breakell, George Schuster, Lynn Steinmayer, Ed Wright and Andrea Loomis

Also in attendance: Kim Thorn, Mary Tracy, Carl Contadini, Maria Miranda, Judy Motel, Bill Duquette, and Sharon Laughlin

Excused: Martine Bouton and Doug Allen

2) Review of last meeting: no minutes at this time

3) Old Business: we need to revisit the idea of a mass greenhouse company. We should be proactive and come up with recommendations for the Planning and Zoning Board

4) New Business - none

5) Open Farm Tour 2015: we will need the list of participants VERY soon so that the brochures can be printed with lots of time to hand out. Please respond promptly to Kim Thorn when she sends out an email asking for information, pictures and updates. Kim will check with sponsors. Seth will verify t-shirt donation. We need to make sure that sponsorships and t-shirt advertising is such that the Open Farm Tour does not cost the Friends of Goshen Agriculture too much – we want this to break even so funds are saved for the purpose of the Friends which is to build up so that they can purchase development rites on property in Goshen and preserve it as agricultural land.

6) Farm to Table Dinner Open Discussion – Can we continue as is without killing off the volunteers? Discussion was open to the idea of not shifting the venues to different farms because of the difficulty of creating a complete venue in a space that had no infrastructure. Though it will be difficult, the decision was made to wait until after Labor Day and see if Woodridge Lake Clubhouse was available. Though the date has not been set, people are waiting and expecting a full dinner.

7) Grants available – Clint shared two forms that had information about grants available for farmers.

8) Update on Herd Share – Mary reported that the Herd Share Bill passed both branches of legislature and needs to be signed by the Governor.

9) Adjourned 8:55PM – Motion made by Ed and seconded by Seth.

**Next Meeting: July 7, 2015 at 7:30PM**

Respectively submitted by Lynn Steinmayer, Secretary